GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1274
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EMPOWERMENT OF PANCHAYAT
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned/utilized by the States under Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability Incentive Scheme during the last three years and the current year ;

(b) the criteria followed while allocating funds to the States under this scheme;

(c) whether building and man power are provided to the States in a time bound programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated/released to the States for Gram Panchayats building and upgradation of Panchayat during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for upgradation of Panchayats?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (Dr. C.P. JOSHI)

(a) & (b): The Panchayat Empowerment & Accountability Incentive Scheme (PEAIS) aims at encouraging States to empower Panchayats and put in place systems for bringing about accountability of the Panchayats. Performance of States in these respect is measured through a Devolution Index (DI) prepared through an independent agency each year. Token award is given to States which rank high on the DI. The incentive amount given to the States during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 are placed at Annex-1. Incentive amounts for the current year will be released before 31/03/2011

(c) to (e): Panchayati Raj being a State subject, State Governments need to provide the required manpower and infrastructure, including buildings to the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). However, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) provides limited financial support to the States under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana (RGSY) for taking up construction and upgradation of the Panchayat infrastructure / buildings, for which the details are placed at Annex-2. In addition to RGSY, MoPR and the Department of Rural Development also provide funds to the States under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme and the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) respectively to undertake works based on felt local needs including Panchayat Ghars. Construction of Panchayat Ghars have been taken up under these Schemes by many States.

Annex-1

Annex referred to part (a) & (b) reply of the Lok Sabha Question Unstarred Question No.1274 to be answered on 2.8.2010

Statement showing the Funds Released and Utilized under the Panchayat Empowerment and Accountability Incentive Scheme during 2007-08 to 2009-10

(Rs.in lakh)

S.No.	State/UTs	2007-08 Funds released	2008-09 Funds released	2009-10 Funds released
1.	Assam	-	50.00	
2.	Andhra Pradesh	75.00	-	
3.	Chhatisgarh	-	50.00	
4.	Goa	50.00	-	
5.	Haryana	50.00	75.00	
6.	Himachal Pradesh	75.00	75.00	
7	Karnataka	100.00	75.00	250.00
8.	Kerala	100.00	150.00	250.00
9.	Madhya Pradesh	75.00	150.00	
10.	Manipur	50.00	-	
11.	Orissa	75.00	-	
12.	Rajasthan	100.00	-	
13.	Sikkim	50.00	75.00	100.00
14.	Tamil Nadu	100.00	150.00	150.00

15. U.P - -
16. West Bengal 100.00 150.00 150.00
17. Maharashtra 100.00

Annex-2

Annex referred to part (c) to (e) reply of the Lok Sabha Question Unstarred Question No.1274 to be answered on 2.8.2010

Panchayat Ghars / Resource Centres at Gram Panchayat level sanctioned
under the scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana.
(Position as on 30/07/2010)

(Amount in Rs. crore)

S.No.	Year of sanction	State	Infrastructure sanctioned	No. of Units	Funds released
1	2006-07	Bihar	Gram Panchayat Ghars	95	2.38
2		Gujarat	Gram Panchayat Ghars	240	3.00
3		Himachal Pradesh	Gram Panchayat Ghars	120	2.00
4		Rajasthan	Gram Panchayat Ghars	180	3.00
5		West Bengal	Gram Panchayat Ghars	5	0.13
	2006-07 Total			640	10.51
6	2007-08	Assam	Gram Panchayat Ghars	770	7.23
7		Himachal Pradesh	Gram Panchayat Ghars	120	2.00
8		Orissa	Gram Panchayat Ghars	350	4.92
9		Manipur	Gram Panchayat Ghars	82	1.14
	2007-08 total			1322	15.29
10	2008-09	Himachal Pradesh	GP Resource Centre	150	3.83
	2008-09 Total			150	3.83
11	2009-10	Himachal Pradesh	GP Resource Centre	150	3.83
12		Manipur	Gram Panchayat Ghars	82	0.95
13		Rajasthan	Gram Panchayat Ghars	180	3.00
14		Karnataka	Gram Panchayat Ghars	40	1.00
	2009-10 Total			452	8.78
15	2010-11	Karnataka	Gram Panchayat Ghars	110	2.75
	2010-11 Total			110	2.75
	Grand total			2674	41.16